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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: CHARLES MARTIN DUKE, BPR #023607
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DAVIDSON COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On May 9, 2022, Charles Martin Duke, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, was suspended from the practice of law for three years with one-year active suspension. Mr. Duke is required to engage a practice monitor and must pay the Board of Professional Responsibility the costs incurred in the proceeding and the court costs.

On February 1, 2018, a Petition for Discipline was filed against Mr. Duke. Mr. Duke was retained by his client to prosecute a personal injury action. Mr. Duke failed to file an action within the statute of limitations and falsified a tolling agreement in an effort to mislead his client. Mr. Duke entered a Conditional Guilty Plea acknowledging his conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a) (communication), 3.1 (meritorious claims and contentions), 3.3(a)(1) (candor toward the tribunal), 3.4(b) (fairness to opposing counsel and others), 4.1(a) (truthfulness in statements to others), and 8.4(a), (b), (c), and (d) (misconduct).

Mr. Duke must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 20, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and may not return to the active practice of law until an order of reinstatement has been entered by the Supreme Court.

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